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**Question:** Is a covered facility required to address in its Site Security Plan all hazardous materials, as defined under Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations (49 CFR Part 51), possessed by the facility in order to satisfy RBPS 5 (Shipping, Receipt and Storage) under the CFATS regulations?

**Answer:**

Although all covered facilities must address all of the CFATS RBPS in their individual SSPs, that does not necessarily mean that every facility will need to include specific security measures or practices in its SSP for every RBPS. Assuming, however, that a covered facility does need to include security measure or practices in its SSP to satisfy RBPS 5, it does not necessarily follow that every DOT hazardous material at that facility must be identified and addressed. The term "hazardous materials" in RBPS 5 generally includes COI as listed in Appendix A to CFATS. In addition, that term may also include other chemicals at a covered facility that pose risks comparable to, or that substantially contribute to, the risks posed by COI listed in Appendix A (i.e., chemicals that have the potential to create significant adverse consequences to human life or health if that facility is subjected to terrorist attack, compromise, infiltration, or exploitation). Although the DOT hazardous material transportation regulations can be useful in helping to identify those chemicals that should be addressed by a covered facility under RBPS 5, not every DOT "hazardous material" will pose or contribute to risks at a given facility that warrant coverage under RBPS 5. Any covered facility that needs assistance in determining which hazardous materials must be addressed under RBPS 5 in its SSP may request technical assistance from DHS.